

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP

Docket No.: 1046.1028D2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Tetsuya NISHI et al.

Serial No. 09/631,355

Group Art Unit: 2872

Confirmation No. 9683

Filed: August 2, 2000

Examiner: Ricky D. Shafer

POLARIZATION CONTROL OPTICAL SPACE SWITCH For:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: BOX AF

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action that was mailed on October 7, 2003, which has a period for response that is set to expire on January 7, 2003. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for the same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to February 7, 2004. Because February 7, 2004 is a Saturday, this Amendment is timely filed by Monday, February 9, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this Amendment.

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Attorney Docket No. 1046.1028D2 Application Number 09/631,355 REPLY/AMENDMENT August 2, 2000 Filing Date TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800 **FEE TRANSMITTAL** Tetsuya NISHI et al. First Named Inventor Group Art Unit 2872 \$110.00 **Examiner Name** Ricky D. Shafer AMOUNT ENCLOSED FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/00) Number Highest Number Claims Remaining CLAIMS AS Previously Paid For Extra Rate Calculations **AMENDED** After Amendment X \$ 18.00 =0.00 0 TOTAL CLAIMS 20 = INDEPENDENT 0 X \$ 84.00 =0.00 6 = 1 **CLAIMS** Since an Official Action set an original due date of January 7, 2003, petition is hereby made for an 110.00 extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$410); 3 months (\$920); 4 months (\$1,440); 5 months (\$1,960)): If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$320) If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$110) 110.00 Total of above Calculations = Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28) 110.00 TOTAL FEES DUE = (1) If entry (1) is less than entry (2), entry (3) is "0" (2) If entry (2) is less than 20, change entry (2) to "20". (4) If entry (4) is less than entry (5), entry (6) is "0". (5) If entry (5) is less than 3, change entry (5) to "3". METHOD OF PAYMENT Check enclosed as payment. \boxtimes Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to the Deposit Account No. below. П No payment is enclosed and no charges to the Deposit Account are authorized at this time (unless specifically required to obtain a filing date). GENERAL AUTHORIZATION If the above-noted "AMOUNT ENCLOSED" is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit \boxtimes any overpayment or charge any additional fees necessary to: 19-3935 Deposit Account No. STAAS & HALSEY LLP Deposit Account Name The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees required \boxtimes under 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 CFR 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application, including any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 USC § 120 (e.g.,

continuations/divisionals/CIPs under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and/or continuations/divisionals/CPAs under 37 CFR

1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application.

SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY LLP

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